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1992-93 TO BE MARTIN BURKE'S LAST YEAR AS UM LAW SCHOOL DEAN

MISSOULA --

Martin Burke announced Aug. 3 that 1992-93 will be his last as dean of The University of Montana School of Law but that he'll stay on the school's faculty afterward.

He stressed that his decision stems from a desire to spend more time on his law specialization: the ever-changing field of federal tax law.

"During the last year, I have become increasingly aware of the difficulty of attempting to fulfill my many responsibilities as dean and yet at the same time continue to remain current and to teach and research in my area of expertise," he said.

"It has been a singular privilege to serve as dean of this excellent law school," the **Butte** native said. "I am deeply proud of The University of Montana and the law school, our talented and dedicated faculty and staff and our exceptional students. I hope that in my five years of service as dean, I will have made an administrative contribution to the University, the law school and the legal profession."

A 1974 graduate of UM's law school, Burke joined the school's faculty in 1977 and became dean in 1988. He co-authored the textbook "Taxation of Individual Income" and has long been co-editor-in-chief of The Review of Taxation of Individuals, a national tax journal. Director of UM's Tax Institute, he teaches federal income taxation and partnership taxation. Recently he was chosen by the University of Florida as one of six outside editors of its new national tax journal, the Florida Tax Review.

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Burke's departure as dean will be a severe loss for UM, President George Dennison said.

"He's served extremely well in a position that has a tradition of great deans," Dennison said.

"As dean he served not only the law school but the University and state as well. His return to teaching and research will ensure, however, that the University will continue to benefit from his presence."

Provost Robert Kindrick, who praised Burke as an excellent dean and valued colleague, accepted Burke's decision with great regret.

"I can certainly understand, however, his interest in pursuing current developments in his subject area," Kindrick said. "On behalf of the Office of Academic Affairs, I wish to express my appreciation to Dean Burke for his contribution to the School of Law and The University of Montana. I certainly wish him only the best in his future endeavors."

In early September, Kindrick plans to seek the law school faculty's guidance about finding a replacement for Burke. He expects the search to begin in early fall, include significant representation from the law school faculty, and end with the hiring of a new dean immediately after Martin leaves his post.

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